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OVER THE RIVER.

A Short Tour in the Illinois Field
—Hardin County to Have
a Railroad.

MISCELLANEOUS MINING NEWS.

Grand Rivers furnace is running with a full force of hands. The quality of iron made is said to be number one.

The big double cylinder steam hoist, made especially for the Columbia mine, has arrived and been put into action.

The Golconda branch of the Illinois Central will be completed and trains running in time for Santa Claus to take the "Fluorspar Limited" Christmas Eve.

Mr. Frank Wheeler, Superintendent of the National Lead, Zinc and Fluor Spar company of Fredonia, returned from Cleveland, Ohio, last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler.

The Compton Mining and Smelting company was incorporated last week in Illinois. They will organize in Chicago by the election of directors and other officials on the 18th inst. Their property is in Pope county, Ill.

J. H. Neel & Brother of Princeton, Ky., have about 200 acres of land near Fredonia, which is without doubt on the Tabb vein, carrying fluor spar and galena. As soon as the weather permits they will commence development work.

The Hardin County Mineral company of Cave-in-Rock, Ill., owners of several hundred acres of leased land have transferred their holdings to a Pennsylvania company, who have put a large force of men at work prospecting for zinc, lead and fluor spar.

The Seacoast Mining company, Paducah, are putting in their machinery at their big separating plant in that city. Mr. Garrett, the prime mover in the enterprise was here the other day and reported prospects were very favorable for an unlimited supply of ore.

The Major Clement mine, near Crittenden Springs, has reached a depth of 46 feet in the prospect shaft. So far not an ounce of fluor spar has been found, but the lead zinc ores, both solid and disseminated through quartzite are simply fine, and the percentage of metal will reach fully 25 per cent.

Our Princeton correspondent telephones that the oil well above that city was shot on Monday. No information was obtainable by him as to the outcome, although as no hustling around for cooperation was noticed, he concluded that whatever oil was set free was taken care of without any trouble.

The Evansville Courier announces in its column of railroad news: "What is known as the old Marion route, a line running from Marion, Ky., to the Ohio river, near Cave-in-Rock, will be built next summer. Other Kentucky lines are contemplated and it is possible may be built. Dirt has been broken on the Clarksville and Hopkinsville division of the Tennessee Central, to connect Nashville with the Ohio river via the Illinois Central at Hopkinsville. It is said this railroad will be completed by the first of June."

The heavy rainstorms of last week prevented the shipment of zinc ore to any extent. With good roads between the depot and the mines the movement would have been very much larger. As it was, only 300,000 pounds was started towards Mineral Point, Wis.

The Western Tube company has sunk a shaft on the Dunn & Robertson place near Smithland, and will soon put in machinery. The shaft has been sunk to the depth of over 90 feet. The company already has a fair showing for fluor spar and lead and intend going deeper.—Cumberland Courier.

Stockholders in the Crystal Fluor Spar Mining company, of Pope county, Ill., are very much gratified to know that the selling price on the company's stock is now rated at five times the price paid at their organization last summer. This company covers the old McKinley mines by a long term lease. They made the first car load shipment of zinc ore ever mined from Pope county week before last.

The Hudson-Porter Tobacco company, of Paris, Tenn., have consolidated with the Smith & Scott company, of Paducah. Mr. Porter will likely remove to Paducah and act as the General Manager of the new company. Messrs. Porter and Hudson, both of whom are well known in Marion, are clean cut business men, enterprising and progressive. Mr. Hudson, we believe, retired some time ago from the tobacco business. He is largely interested in the production of clay at Mayfield and is a large stockholder in the Columbia Mining company of this city.

Supt. Wylie of the Cleveland mine, near Cave-in-Rock, Ill., is opening up and increasing the company's output of fluor spar. Many additional miners have been put at work the past few weeks. Mr. Wylie reports quite a percentage of zinc disseminated throughout this fluor spar, but he does not think it strong enough to attempt any separation. So far their mining has been in what is termed an overflow, the main vein not having been located. Their fluor spar is hauled to the Ohio river, loaded on barges, and reshipped at Brookport, opposite Paducah.

The Press is indebted to Supt. Wylie for much valuable information regarding mines and mining on the Illinois side of the Ohio river.

The following is from the Cumberland Courier:

One of our prominent citizens has received an interesting letter from Prof. Ulrich, of the U. S. Geological Survey, saying that he devoted considerable of his time on his last trip to Livingston county, and that when his report is published every one will be satisfied. Ulrich also says "that the two dikes, one in Crittenden and one in Illinois, should show in Livingston county; that our talc and steatite deposits are indications of their presence." But the best news of all, Prof. Ulrich says that he has heard from the district that the Pittsburg Fluor Spar company intend to sink a deep shaft, 500 to 1,000 feet, without delay. He says this will prove the true character of our fissure veins and benefit the whole district, and when our diamond drill is put to work our district will soon startle the world and old Livingston will boom, blossom and bloom.

The Elizabethtown Star says of the St. Louis-Nashville Short Line:

"It now begins to look as though Hardin will no longer be without a railroad. The Illinois Central will construct a road from its Illinois line to Marion, Ky."

Supt. King, of the St. Louis division, has given it out as authentic that the company has awarded the contract for grading from Marion, Ky., to the Ohio river.

While Mr. King does not say so it is thought that the road will cross the river at Cave-in-Rock and connect with their line at Eldorado, as this is the most feasible route. If this is done the company will undoubtedly extend their Golconda line on up the river and connect with this line.

Mr. King merely states the contract has been awarded for the grading of the road from Marion, Ky. to the Ohio river, thus completing the line between Nashville and St. Louis. It is claimed by some that they intend to go from Marion to Golconda, as that is the only place on the Ohio river that they have a road, and in the wording of his statement they are justified in this assertion; but taking everything into consideration we feel confident that the road will go through Hardin county.

Mr. J. H. Morse, the President of the Senator mine near Princeton, has been giving a great deal of his time and attention to the development of that really wonderful property during the past few months.

Mr. Morse finds that his health, hardly keeping pace with his ambitious desires to press the work night and day, and under the advice of his medical adviser he will spend the balance of the winter either in the mountains of Tennessee or at Asheville, North Carolina. Senator Debow, who is also largely interested in this property, will necessarily be obliged to remain at Washington during the present session of congress. Under such circumstances and during the stormy season, work will cease at the mine, to be resumed on the first approach of open weather in the spring, with a very large force of miners.

The Senator mine, when first discovered, created a great deal of interest in mining circles and that interest has been intensified as depth has been gained. The ores of lead and zinc from the grass roots to the present bottom of the shaft have been in such great bodies that the company was advised to put up a milling plant at once. With praiseworthy conservatism they thought best to wait until the output of ore would reach 50 tons daily. This means, of course, 100 feet in depth, drifts run, and stoping ground opened. The lead ore in this shaft carries fully 30 ounces of silver per ton, a percentage that no other ore in the district reaches, so far as we know. The Senator mine has a marvelous future before it, with such men at the mining helm and such bodies of ore in the shaft.

CHILD'S HORRIBLE DEATH.

The little child of Byrd Lytton, of the Scotts Chapel neighborhood, near Smithland, was burned so badly last week that death resulted a few hours afterward. The child was standing near a stove when its clothing, caught fire, and before the father, who was attracted by the screams of the child, could reach it, it was so badly burned that death resulted Tuesday morning. The father, in his mad efforts to save the child, was badly burned about the hands and arms.—Smithland Courier.

MR. J. C. BOURLAND

Announces as a Candidate For
Circuit Court Clerk.

Fourteen years ago, a stripling of a boy, twelve years old, father dead, mother without means other than the needle to support herself or him, walked into the Press office, ambitious to become a printer. All he wanted in return for his services was two meals a day, one on Sunday, two planks on the floor eight inches wide for a bed, and a tympan sheet for a "kiver." He got the job, and in two hours had effectually decorated himself with the offices' black war-paint, and with the "stick and rule" as his weapons, "the do or die spirit" as his evangel, he tackled the giants that stood between himself and bread. The years passed on, he became proficient as a printer, developed good qualities as a business man, and his faithfulness to his employer made him foreman of the office. That in brief is his history, but it would take pages to tell of all that was crowded into the 4000 days of hard, faithful work done, during those years.

"Please announce me as a candidate for Circuit Court Clerk," he said a few days ago.

"And what must I say about you?"

"You know me better than any other, say what you like," was the reply.

We make the announcement in another column, and are pleased to say that Joe Bourland is worthy of any trust, that he will do well anything he undertakes to do, that his life of labor and independence has made him self reliant and deserving, that as Circuit Clerk he would be honest, efficient and would reflect credit upon his party and the people. He is and has always been a staunch Republican.

NEW CIRCUIT JUDGE.

Governor Appoints Fleming Gordon to Succeed Judge Nunn.

Monday Gov Beckham appointed Hon. J. Fleming Gordon, of Madisonville, Judge of this judicial district, to succeed Judge Nunn. The appointment to become effective Dec. 31st.

Judge Gordon is one of the ablest lawyers in the State and will doubtless make a splendid official.

The other applicants for the Judgeship were Messrs Polk Laf-foon, of Madisonville, S. Hodge of Princeton, and W. I. Clark, of Smithland.

Next November is the time for the regular election of circuit judge, and Judge Gordon will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination.

YOUNG MAN, EDUCATE.

For success at Wilbur Smith's Business College. Teachers, Clerks and Farmer boys should pursue the Business Shorthand and Typewriting or Telegraphic course at Wilbur Smith's Business College, Lexington, Ky. He refers to 10,000 successful graduates. Kentucky University under seal awarded his graduates. Over 500 students from 20 states this year. The demand for his graduates at this time to fill positions exceeds the supply. This college has not been closed a week day in 27 years. Students can begin at any time. Cost reasonable. If you have any idea of attending a Business College this winter or spring, write immediately for a large illustrated catalogue to Wilbur Smith, Lexington, Ky.

A Special Invitation!

Call and see the most complete
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In Western Kentucky.....

Our Druggist Sundry Line is complete in every respect. Goods are the best, prices are right.

If You Enjoy

A good smoke you will find we have all the leading brands of good Cigars.

About Dec. 10th, we will have on display a beautiful line of

Holiday Goods!

Come early and make selections.

We have the largest line of Banjos, Guitars, Mandolins, Violins and Accordians ever displayed in Marion.

A Timely Hint

This is the time of year for coughs and colds. Remember we have the Purest Apple Brandy, to be found anywhere.

—OUR LINE OF—
Pure Medicinal Whiskies
and Wines are unexcelled.

Case Goods

Old Stone
Old Prentice
Old Morgan Rye

Barrel Goods.

Old Dundee \$3.00
Old Continental 3.50
Pure Davies co. 2.00

Our "OLD HICKORY" the best \$2.25 per gal.

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For 15 Days Only.

To enable us to wait on the trade, for generally Christmas times are very busy. To all who purchase from us at one time one gallon of any Whiskey or Brandy we will accept as part payment the coupon below for 25 cents, so cut it out and bring it with you.



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25 Cents.

R. F. Haynes

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R. F. Haynes,

MARION, KY.